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The authors identified children with asthma from a registry of all patients aged 6 to 16 years of age who received emergency care or were hospitalized for asthma in the facilities of the Bexar County Hospital District between November 1988 and November 1989. Information was obtained from parents by a trained interviewer. The children also were interviewed. FVC maneuvers were performed on the children at scheduled visits. The authors report that the child's asthma had a larger "total impact" on the family if there was a smoker in the household. The authors conclude that "two factors, knowledge about asthma and exposure to cigarette smoke in the home, were significantly associated with outcome in these children and therefore should be addressed in interventions."